

## DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS



## UNDER FIRE

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CHAPTER I.—Georgy Wagstaff, daughter of Sir George, of the British admiralty, hints at a liaison between her governess, Ethel Willoughby, and Henry Streetman, Ethel denies it.

CHAPTER II.—Henry Streetman calls on Ethel and while waiting for her talks to Browster, Sir George's butler, who is a German spy, about his failure to get at admiralty papers in Sir George's possession. He phones to German secret service headquarters.

CHAPTER III.—When Ethel appears he tries to force her to get from Sir George knowledge of the sailing orders of the British fleet. Though she believes him a French instead of a German spy, she refuses until he threatens her. She begs him to announce their secret marriage, as Georgy is suspicious, but he puts her off.

CHAPTER IV.—At tea Georgy and her lover, Guy Falconer, tease Sir George, and Streetman makes an awkward attempt to talk politics.

CHAPTER V.—Charlie Brown, newspaper man of New York, entertains the tea party with his views on the threatened war in Europe.

CHAPTER VI.—Guy Falconer declares that it was common knowledge to Cuba. His mother and Sir George prove him. Charlie says Guy is spoofing.

CHAPTER VII.—Capt. Larry Redmond of the Irish Guards, calls on Ethel. The two had been undeclared lovers and now he asks her to marry him. She still loves him, but tells him she is married.

CHAPTER VIII.—Ethel finds that Larry knows Streetman as a German spy, and that Streetman had a wife in Berlin when he married her. The others come in and to them comes Sir George with the news that Germany has declared war on Russia.

CHAPTER IX.—Guy wants to go at once with Larry to fight. After the others go Ethel wins Larry's consent to have her assist him in the secret service work he is doing for England.

CHAPTER X.—Streetman again calls on Ethel. She gets from him an admission that he is a German spy, gives him false information about the British fleet and wins his consent to her co-operation with him in his work. She tells Larry of this and agrees to meet him in Brussels.

CHAPTER XI.—In the Lion d'Or Inn at Courvoisier, Belgium, Larry and a French spy arrange for a secret telephone in the inn to forward information about the German advance. Christopher, the landlady, tells his daughter Jeanne that there will be no German invasion of Belgium.

CHAPTER XII.—Charlie Brown, hunting for a war, arrives at the Lion d'Or and meets Ethel there.

CHAPTER XIII.—Ethel is told she is to operate the secret phone. A mob of refugees flee past the inn before the oncoming German host. The German advance guard arrives.

CHAPTER XIV.—Major von Brengt takes possession of Christopher's son and other property. Ethel, questioned, shows German secret service credentials.

CHAPTER XV.—Charlie Brown is about to be shot as an English spy when the major, a Columbia graduate, saves him.

CHAPTER XVI.—Charlie promptly interviews the major for his paper. Streetman appears and Charlie is ordered back to Brussels.

CHAPTER XVII.—The secret telephone is discovered and though Christopher had known nothing of it he is shot as a spy by Streetman's order. The telephone is left intact as a trap.

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